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SUBJ: SELA I

1. DELEGATIONS FROM 25 LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN NATIONS MET YESTERDAY, JULY 29, IN PANAMA TO CONSIDER THE FOUNDING OF A SISTEMA ECONOMICO LATINOAMERICANO (SELA), A LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM. ATTENDING WERE: ARGENTINA, BARBADOS, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, CHILE, COSTA RICA, CUBA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, GRENADA, GUATEMALA, GUAYANA, HAITI, HONDURAS, JAMAICA, MEXICO, NICARAGUA, PARAGUAY, PANAMA, PERU, TRINIDAD, TOBAGO, URUGUAY AND VENEZUELA.

2. MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO CONCLUDE THIS SATURDAY, AUGUST 2. FIRST TWO DAYS ARE PRELEMINARY SESSIONS AND WILL BE DEVOTED TO TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS. THESE WILL PRODUCE A REPORT TO BE PRESENTED TO CHIEFS OF DELEGATIONS OF THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES WHO WILL CONVENE ON THURSDAY, JULY 31, TO OPEN THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETINGS. ALL WORKING SESSIONS ARE CLOSED TO PRESS AND PUBLIC. PANAMA ELECTED PRESIDENT OF PRELIMINARY MEETINGS, JAMAICA AND GUATEMALA CHOSEN VICE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESIDENT AND RAPPORTEUR RESPECTIVELY.

3. PANAMA'S MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND PLANNING, NICOLAS BARLETTA, OPENED THE INAUGURAL SESSION OF THE PRELIMINARY MEETINGS. BEYOND PROFFERING DELEGATES PANAMA'S WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY, HIS SPEECH NOTABLE ONLY FOR HIGH PLATITUDE COUNT. HE GAVE NO DEFINITION OF SELA'S PURPOSE, OTHER THAN THAT ECONOMIC UNITY AMONG MEMBER NATIONS WILL PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF SAME. HE LAUDED CONTRIBUTION OF OTHER LA REGIONAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS, STATED THAT SELA DID NOT INTEND TO DUPLICATE THEIR EFFORTS, BUT GAVE NO HINT AS TO HOW. DECLARED SELA NOT ANTAGONISTIC TO ANYONE, DID NOT RPT NOT MENTION U.S. IN THIS CONTEXT OR IN ANY OTHER.

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